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# COMING EVENTS

First show of the Fall season will be "The Sunshine Boys," a wonderful comedy from Neil Simon about two elderby vaudevillians who are scheduled for a television special. The problem is they haven't spoken to each other for twelve years and have vowed never to work together again. David Sohn is directing the very welcome reappearance of two old-time theatre favorites—Herbert Rosefield and Dom Cerra in the eads. It plays September 21 - 24.

Auditions will be scheduled soon for the long-awaited production of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire," to be directed by Katie Damron for production in October. Watch the Sumter Daily Item or call the theatre for further information.

The Production Board is currently setting the shows and directors for the 1984-85 season. If you would like to be considered for a production or if there is a particular show you think the theatre ought to consider call 775-7521 and let us know.





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## SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE

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# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

by William Shakespeare

(In Order Of Appearance)

Mr. Benton, the Mailman	
Leonato, Mayor of Messina	
Beatrice, his niece who lives with him	
Hero, his lovely daughter	Betsy Hamby
Don Pedro, State Senator from the 5th District	Ware Martin
Corporal Benedick, an assistant on his staff	David Brown
Don John, Pedro's younger brother,	
fallen on evil ways	Larry Stoy
Lt. Claudio, Pedro's adjutant	
Antonio, Leonato's older brother	Hunter Boyle
Conrade, a sharecropper's son from the country	Larry Perkins
Borachio, the son of immigrants	
from the wrong side of the tracks	Mark Lidman
Balthazar, an old family retainer	
Margaret, a servant,	8.618
no better than she ought to be	. Ioann Woolridge
Ursula, Hero's maid	
Corporal Williams	
Sheriff Dogberry	
Verges, a special deputy	-
Hugh Oatcake	
George Seacoal	
Watchman	Dan Linder
Friar Francis, a freshly graduated seminarian	
Judge	

The action takes place in and around the old family plantation of the Leonato family in Messina, a small town about 50 miles from Columbia, South Carolina. The time is 1937, when life was more leisurely and leisure was more lively.

## A DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Scholars may object to the seeming liberties we have taken in moving Messina to South Carolina from Sicily, where Shakespeare pretended it was. Actually, almost no liberties have been taken with the script except to make a number of small cuts in the interest of saving time. And as for robbing the play of its Sicilian setting, may I point out that Shakespeare's names for the two Watchmen-George Seacoal and Hugh Oatcake-are scarcely Italian.

There are only a few settings in which Shakespeare's theme of honor sullied will work—and he knew it. One is the very volatile Italy, home of the Mafiosi and peasant vendettas. Another might be 18th Century Spain, or perhaps Scotland. Certainly the site I have chosen—the Gallant South in the Depression years—is just as valid and brings the theme home to our audiences in terms they can understand most easily.

Anyway, you can find fault if you like, because it's there to be found. I would hope instead that you would simply enjoy the unfolding of the wild and wonderful world that Shakespeare created.

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Producer	Linda Day
Director	· ·
Special Assistant	Doris Egbert
Stage Manager	Larry Stoy
Costumes	Betsy Hamby, Chairman
	Cheryl Wilcox, Linda Day,
	Anne Toth, Gary Heilsberg
Props	Larry Perkins, Chairman
	Shelley McKinley, Van Clarkson
Sound	Blanding Jones

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